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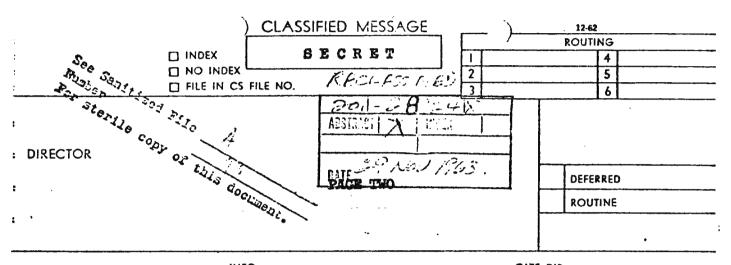
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

- THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN GATHERED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES REGARDING THE TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND HIS WIFE:
- 9 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS LANDING CARD THAT HE HAD HO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACETION BEFORE GOING ON TO "SOME SCHOOL IN SWIESE." (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING TO THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE IN SWITZERLANDSWIELD WHEN IN KNOWN CONDUCTED ON 2.4. MAY 1976 TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)
- E\_\_IMPDET CL BY 0/220X 10 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO THE SAME OFFICIAL PECORDS OSWALD LEFT LONDON THIS DATE BY AIR FOR HELSINKI.
- OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLEM HEWSPAPER "DAGZIES NYHETER" OF 25 NOVEMBER 21963 STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN DURING OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ALSO SADDS THAT OSWALD WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING VISA TO THE USSR IN HELSKINKI WHICH Eresulted in his returning to stockholm. Two days after he arrived in stockholm Coswald traveled directly to moscow. Concluding sentence of article states "This INDICATES THAT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA." ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE THERE WAS NO RECORD THAT THERE WAS ANY REQUEST FOR A USSR VISA PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR OSWALD AT ANY TIME DURING 1959, AND Dilio-5-41 COORDINATING OFFICERS

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SOURCE INDICATED IT WAS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN HOW OSWALD MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED HIS VISA IN TWO DAYS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. THE ONLY CONCLUSION WHICH CAN BE DRAWN IS THAT OSWALD MUST HAVE RECEIVED HIS VISA DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE HAD NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THIS ASSUMPTION.

- D. 10 TO 15 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO A VERY RELIABLE BUT EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE COVALD STAYED AT THE TORNI HOTEL IN HELSINKI FROM 10 TO 11 OCTOBER AND THEN MOVED TO THE KLAUS KURKI HOTEL WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL 15 OCTOBER, APPARENTLY WAITING FOR A VISA TO BE ISSUED HIM BY THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN HELSINKI. HE TRAVELED TO THE USER BY TRAIL, CROSSING AT VAINIKKALA ON 15 OCTOBER.
- E. 13 MAY 1962: ACCORDING TO A DUTCH OFFICIAL SOURCE, THE DUTCH CHARGE IN MOSCOW ISSUED A TRANSIT VISA TO OSWALD'S WIFE ON 13 MAY 1962. THERER RECORDS REVEAL HIS WIFE WAS BORN ON 17 JULY 1941 INSTEAD OF 19 JULY 1941 AND IN SEVERODVINSK INSTEAD OF MINSK. THERE IS NO RECORD OF HER HAVING ACTUALLY TRANSITED THE NETHERLANDS.
- F. 1962: OFFICIAL ERITISH RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT THAT OSWALD RETURNED.

  TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE USER THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM. HOWEVER, IF HE

  WERE MERELY TRANSITING, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM TO FILL OUT A

  LANDING CARD, AND THEREFORE THERE WOULD BE NO RECORD OF HIS TRAVEL IN THE

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G. 1963: ACCORDING TO AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCE,

CH 23 NOVEMBER MARIA SHETHLAGE, HEAD OF THE "WEXKGROUP INFORMATIE CUBA," TOLD AN

ENFLOYER OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE THAT SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT

KR. LEE IN HAVARA, WHO DID THE MORDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A MAN OF VIOLENCE

AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAN HAD

EMBE MISUSED BY A CROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN TO "GIBSON" ABOUT THE BAD

INPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS: PLEASE REFER TO OUR

TELETIFIEM BOS 85182 AND 85665 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GIBSON.) ALMOST

THREE HOURS LATER, SHETHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE AND

BAID THAT WE LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND THAT

IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE CHWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SNETHLAGE SEEMED TO BE

GLAD TO HAVE HEARD THIS "CORRECT" VERSON. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE

IDENTICAL WITH VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF THE

FAIR PLAY FOR CURA COMMITTEE.)

H. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION SNETHLAGE WAS IN CUBA IN JARVARY 1963, AND ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE, SHE AGAIN TRAVELED TO CUBA FOR THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN 1963.

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